

FORT MONMOUTH ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AND PLANNING
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SOCIAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SSAC)

MINUTES ON PUBLIC MEETING, April 01, 2008

The FMERPA Social Services Advisory Committee (SSAC) public meeting took place on April 01, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. at the FMERPA office located at 2-12 Corbett Way, Eatontown, N.J.

In attendance were **Committee Members**: Rose Estephan and Ana Dowland; **FMERPA Staff** Member: Diane Canterbury. **Public** in attendance: Tom Mahedy, Philip Welch, and Rev. Sue Mamchak.

1. Call to Order: Rose Estephan
2. Open/Welcome/Introductions - Rose Estephan - Rose welcomed everyone and acknowledged the public in attendance.
3. Review of Prior Meeting Notes: All attendees reviewed; no modifications were provided. **Public Comments**: Tom Mahedy stated that the previous minutes did not reflect his comment correctly on item #6. The sentence should be changed to read "... the government is **suppose to be** there to support and provide aid to people." Rose stated that it will be changed.
4. Open Discussion of 19Mar08 Preliminary Plan presentation: Discussion took place where Rose gave attendees the opportunity to provide input. Discussions included topics of Affordable Housing and a forum to be able to discuss in detail vs. at board meetings, Questions & Answers process, what is meant by age targeted, bike paths to get from dwelling unit to place of business vs. blue/green belt, substantiating numbers in slides w/ formulas, amount of open space vs. total acreage on Fort Monmouth parcel, identifying the land split (e.g. historically, open space, business), amount of space/land devoted to housing and its profit margin less affordable housing. The discussions were the first time that attendees were able to express their opinions/provide input. Many of the items discussed were provided to the askfmerpa website where Phil Welch believes that the responses were stand-offish. He expected more details to the responses. Rev. Mamcheck believed that the powers at be are treating a working advisory committee lightly. Tom Mahedy brought up the fact that the timeline is short and that the environmental dumps, Hospital for Meridian and housing for grad students (P. Gaffney) were not addressed. He also stated that the time of the presentation could have been extended to include those details and that people will listen to the details if they are being respected. Tom read and provided a statement that he wanted to read at the 19MAR08 Preliminary Plan presentation. Tom also made a statement to take the boundaries off of Fort Monmouth; would also like to do the same for the world.
5. Input for recommendation discussion: Attendees were provided with a consolidated survey that came from homeless service providers. All attendees discussed the outcome of the survey and the importance of the data received. Also added two more items to question #3 (Aging out

youth & parolees) This information will be used as part of the recommendation as it pertains to "need".

6. Discuss Path Forward: Rose gave a quick synopsis of how to move forward with recommendation.

7. Schedule Next Meeting - The next meeting is scheduled for 15Apr08 at 3:00 p.m. at the FMERPA office located in Eatontown, NJ.